DFD-07-2011: Expedition to Danakil and Tigray Rock hewn Churches
Duration = 10 days/ 9 nights
Route = Danakil Depression and Tigray Rock Hewn Churches
Transportation: - 4x4 vehicles

Month	Tour Dates	4-10pax	2-3pax	Single room supplement
Jan	Jan 04 – Jan 13, 2011	USD 3,230	USD 5,247	USD 300
Sep	Sept 26 – Oct 05, 2011	USD 3,023	USD 4,910	USD 281
Nov	Nov 1- Nov 10, 2011	USD 3,144	USD 5,107	USD 292
Dec	Dec 19 – Dec 28, 2011	USD 3,144	USD 5,107	USD 292

Domestic airfare (subject to change)
USD 120 per person if flying with Ethiopian airlines in the International flight
USD 170 per person if flying with other carrier in the International flight

Day 1 – Arrival + Addis
Be welcomed by your guide on arrival at the airport, and transfer in to your hotel. O/N – Ghion or similar 4* Hotel.

Day 2 – Addis – Axum
Fly to Axum and have a sightseeing tour of Axum which includes visiting the Archeological museum of Axum, the Cathedral of St. Mary of Zion which is believed to be the last resting place of the Original Ark of the Covenant, and in the afternoon visit the famous 'Stele field' (4th Century AD and UNESCO World Heritage Site, the ruin palace and tomb of King Kaleb and King Gebre Meskel (5th and 6th Century AD) and the residence of the legendary Queen of Sheba (9th century BC). O/N - Yeha or Remahai Hotel (3* Hotel)

Day 3 – Axum – Hausien
Visiting the ancient Temple of Yeha (5th Century BC), and the rock-hewn church of Tigray, Michael Milhazhengi on the way, drive to Hausien. On your way, enjoy the scenic and historic range of Adowa Mountains. From your lodge, you can enjoy the sunset behind the picturesque Geraltha Mountains. O/N – Geraltha Lodge

Day 4 – Hausien – Mekelle
Visiting the rock-hewn churches of Mariam Korkor, Abune Yemata, and Wukro Cherkos, drive 150 km to Mekelle – the regional capital of Tigray. O/N – Axum Hotel

Day 5 – Mekelle – Ahmed Ela
With an early start drive to Ahmed Ela visiting the people of Tigre and the nomadic people of Afar. At Ahmed Ela, visit the deep-water wells used by the nomadic people of Afar, and the interesting Camel Caravans, which transport bars of salt to the Tigray Highlands. O/N – Camping

Day 6 – Ahmed Ela – Dallol (in the Denakil Depression) – Ahmed Ela

In the morning, drive to one of the lowest points on earth, Dallol (116 meters below sea level) to see the wonderful and colorful formation of sulfur and phosphorus. And after lunch you will visit the salt lake of Asale and discover how people get salt in traditional ways. O/N – Camping

Day 7 – Ahmed Ela – Dodom - Erta'ale

Drive to Dodom, and after arranging mules to transport luggage and camping gear, and around the sunset start hiking to the active volcanic eruption of Erta'ale, which takes about 5 – 6 hours. Spend, the rest of the night at the rim.

Day 8 – Erta'ale – Afdera

Trek back to the place where you left your cars, and drive to the salt lake of Afdera. O/N – Camping

Day 9 – Afdera – Semera

Visiting Lake Afdera in the morning, drive across the desert landscape to Semera. On your way, stop to visit hot springs. O/N – Camping or local Hotel

Day 10 – Semera – Addis + departure

Drive back to Addis. Have a farewell dinner at one of the best traditional restaurants of Addis where you can taste the variety of Ethiopian meals, and see the folkloric dances of the Ethiopians.
Then, be transferred to the airport for your departure

The price is inclusive of: -

- Accommodation on a twin room-sharing basis
- Three meals a day out of Addis, and only breakfast in Addis
- All entrance fees
- Transfers
- Two Air conditioned, and comfortable 4 X 4 Toyota Land Cruisers with fuel, insurance and drivers' allowance
- Professional English speaking guide with all his expenses
- Camel Hire at Erta'ale
- Portage fees
- Professional Cook for the camping days
- Domestic air fare
- Air fare for the guide
- All local guides
- Armed scouts

Price exclusive of: -

- Lunch and dinner in Addis
- Any alcoholic drinks
- Personal expense like souvenirs, laundry, etc
- Tips
- Any expense which is not stated in the 'Included List' above